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SUBJECT: ISRAELI CONSTRUCTION IN GAZA SINAI

1. EMBOFF AND DEPTOFF HAD OPPORTUNITY WHILE VISITING GAZA/SINAI DEC 5 TO VIEW CONSTRUCTION WORK AT PROJECTED ISRAELI REGIONAL CENTER AT YAMIT AND EXPANSION OF GOI REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT PROJECT NEAR RAFAH (BRAZILIAN CAMP).

2. AT YAMIT, EXTERNAL SHELLS OF ABOUT 100 RESIDENTIAL UNITS ARE FINISHED AND WORK APPEARS WELL UNDERWAY ON STAKING AND GRADING OF INITIAL INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL PLOTS. IDF ESCORT OFFICER WAS UNAWARE OF PRIORITIES BEING ACCORDED VARIOUS PROJECTS AT SITE. IDF OFFICER SPECULATED THAT GROUP OF ABOUT FIFTY RUSSIAN IMMIGRANTS, CURRENTLY HOUSED IN NEARBY SETTLEMENT OF SADAT, WOULD BEGIN MOVING IN DURING LATE SPRING. AMERICAN GROUP WHICH WILL COMPLETE INITIAL COMPLEMENT OF ABOUT 100 SETTLERS IS REPORTEDLY STILL IN US AWAITING INSTRUCTIONS.

3. AT "BRAZILIAN CAMP", EXTERNAL WORK IS BEING COMPLETED ON SECOND TRANCHE OF REFUGEE HOUSING PROJECT, WHICH ESCORT OFFICER SAID COMPRISED ADDITIONAL 400 UNITS. HE SAID ELECTRICAL WIRING AND INSTALLATION OF PLUMBING WOULD BEGIN SOON AND ESTIMATED THAT FAMILIES WOULD BEGIN TO MOVE IN DURING SPRING. HE CLAIMED THAT ALL UNITS HAD BEEN ALLOCATED TO SPECIFIC FAMILIES.

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